

UNITED STATES
BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Mr. C. C. Vernon
13740 East Meyer Road
Norwalk, California

My dear Mr. Vernon:

In answer to your letter of June 23, concerning the San Gabriel Mountains, the Board rendered a decision on the spelling of this name in 1927. The name was submitted by Professor Alfred O. Woodford, Pomona College, August 16, 1927, and approved by the Board October 5, 1927. Evidence reviewed since that time supports the Board's decision. The following quotation from the Sixth Report of the United States Geographic Board of 1933 indicates the extent of this range:

"San Gabriel: mountains, California, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino counties, between Los Angeles plains and Mohave Desert, and extending from Cajon Pass westward to San Fernando Pass; lat. $34^{\circ}10'$ - $34^{\circ}50'$ N., long. $117^{\circ}30'$ - $118^{\circ}30'$ W. (Not San Bernardino, Sierra Madre, nor Sierra San Gabriel.)"

For additional and historical information we refer you to such publications as The Dictionary of California Land Names, Phil Townsend Hanna, Automobile Club of Southern California, 1946, and California Place Names, Erwin G. Gudde, University of California Press, 1949.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Allen Belden

Allen Belden,
Acting Executive Secretary

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cc: General
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From C. O. Vernon, Norwalk, Calif.
dated 6-23-50

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RE:

Reqst. for info. re change in
name of Sierra Madre Mountains to the
San Gabriel Mountains. Also wd. like
to know boundaries or extent of this
mountain range in Southern California, etc.

~~Mr. Belden~~

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June 23, 1950

Dear Sir,

Can you give me the particulars of the change in name of the Sierra Madre Mountains to the San Gabriel Mountains (of Southern California)

also can you tell me the boundaries or extent of this mountain range, exactly.

I should like to know these things; the name changes and dates, boundaries for use in a paper on the subject, and any additional historical information that you have on this subject would be appreciated.

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Sincerely

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